

151 FERC ¶ 61,279  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20426

June 30, 2015

In Reply Refer To:  
Gas Transmission Northwest LLC  
Docket No. RP15-1028-000

Gas Transmission Northwest LLC  
700 Louisiana Street, Suite 700  
Houston, TX 77002-2700

Attention: John A. Roscher  
Director, Rates & Tariffs

Dear Mr. Roscher:

1. On May 29, 2015, Gas Transmission Northwest LLC (GTN) filed revised tariff records to implement, in part, the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement in Docket No. RP15-904-000 (Settlement) filed on April 23, 2015 and amended May 1, 2015, and to provide for interim reduced rates. GTN requests that the Commission accept the proposed tariff records effective July 1, 2015. In addition, to the extent it is deemed necessary, GTN requests that the Commission amend the rate moratorium provision contained in GTN's existing rate settlement in Docket No. RP11-2377-000<sup>1</sup> to permit the Interim Rates to become effective. For the reasons discussed more fully below, the Commission accepts the proposed tariff records effective July 1, 2015 and amends the rate moratorium provision contained in GTN's existing rate settlement in Docket No. RP11-2377-000 to allow the Interim Rates to become effective, consistent with the Commission order addressing the pending Settlement in Docket No. RP15-904-000.

2. On April 23, 2015, GTN filed its Settlement, which reflects the agreement reached by GTN and its shippers on various issues in lieu of GTN filing a general Natural Gas Act section 4 rate case with new rates to be effective January 1, 2016. While the Settlement contains rates to become effective January 1, 2016, the Settlement additionally provides interim rate relief for the period beginning July 1, 2015, through

---

<sup>1</sup> See *Gas Transmission Northwest LLC*, 137 FERC ¶ 61,163 (2011).

December 31, 2015 (Interim Rates). Consistent with Article IV of the Settlement, GTN is submitting live tariff records in this filing to place the Interim Rates into effect on July 1, 2015.

3. Public notice of the filing was issued on June 4, 2015. Interventions and protests were due on or before June 10, 2015, as provided by the notice. Pursuant to Rule 214,<sup>2</sup> all timely motions to intervene and any unopposed motions to intervene out-of-time filed before the issuance date of this order are granted. Granting late intervention at this stage of the proceeding will not disrupt this proceeding or place additional burdens on existing parties. GTN's request is unopposed.

4. The Commission finds that the acceptance of the proposed Interim Rates is consistent with the Settlement and will allow customers to benefit from reduced rates without delay. Additionally, the Commission approves amendment of the rate moratorium provision contained in Article V.A. of GTN's existing rate settlement in Docket No. RP11-2377-000 to permit the Interim Rates to take effect on July 1, 2015.

By direction of the Commission.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,  
Deputy Secretary.

---

<sup>2</sup> 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2014).